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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

DEBORDE ET AL.

Examiner

Frank Vanaman

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Frank Vanaman.

(3) _____.

(2) Tim Evans.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 13 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Initially, discussions concerned the use of the reference of Wolf to modify the base reference of Fagot et al., with applicant inquiring as to the motivation to combine Wolf, in that the shape relied upon in Wolf is taught in association with a traction member (e.g., 14) -- although applicant additionally noted that the member in Wolf may be a non-pliant material (see Wolf at col. 4, lines 17-19). Applicant further suggested that it may be desirable to amend the claims to include a limitation that the difference in thickness between the central and peripheral sections is substantial throughout the forward end, as a distinction with respect to Fagot et al., wherein it appears as though the difference in heights goes to zero, at least at a single point in the precise center of the ski. The examiner noted that while this may define beyond the combination of references currently applied, it may not render the claims allowable, in that at least the reference to Porte (FR 2,804,335, relied upon earlier) teaches that a difference in heights remains substantial throughout the front of a gliding device, although the Porte reference lacks a number of limitations now recited in the claims. .